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To whom it may concern,

In regards to the proposed settlement of the US vs. Microsoft antitrust settlement, I believe that it is NOT in the best interest of our nation to go forward with the settlement. I believe that the settlement does nothing to correct the case that was proven against Microsoft.

The settlement weakly puts into place safeguards that try to prevent further abuse. These safeguards are so weak and easily manipulated that Microsoft could litigate any possible opposition it wanted into the ground until stopping any infringement was too late. If an oversight committee has any way of enforcing any settlement against Microsoft, it needs real power.

Furthermore, the settlement does nothing to retribute the victims of Microsoft's actions. The net worth of Microsoft, including their 30 someodd billion dollars in liquid funds, is all blood money. This is a company that was built by unlawfully bullying other companies out of a market. Careers and lives were destroyed over the abuses that were upheald against Microsofts, and these wrongs should not go uncorrected any longer. Allowing such restitutions up to the civil courts only allows Microsoft to use their political and financial power, most of which was built upon lies and felonies, to be used to rob the victims once more.

I ask for a complete re-evaluation of the proposed settlement. Microsoft must be held accountable for their actions. Microsoft has already violated my trust. Hopefully the Department of Justice and the Supreme Court won't do the same.

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